(c) No, Sir. This would not be necessary as the throw forwards in doubling projects is such that all the ongoing doubling works would be completed in 5-6 years.

(d) The target dates have not yet been fixed for the above peojects.

Passenger Traffic between Cuddapah-Chittoor and other parts of the country

2294. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey of the passenger traffic potential between the Cuddapah, Chittoor districts and other parts of the country has been conducted;

(b) whether it is a fact that this area is not sufficiently served by Railways;

(c) whether any new trains are planned by the South Central Railway in the next financial year; and

(d) if so, the details of proposals in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Introduction of additional trains in these areas and on South Central Railways is a continuous process on Indian Railways, subject to operational feasibility, resource availability and traffic justification.

Proposal for Ahmednagar-Pune-Nashik new Rail Line

2295. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minster of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a proposal for Ahmednagar-Pune-Nashik rail line from the Maharashtra Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of action taken thereon, present status of the project/proposal; and

(d) the details of on-going surveys for new rail lines in Maharashtra approved during the current year and the present status thereof, alongwith allocation of funds made therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, a survey for Pune-Nashik new rail line is presently in progress and the survey is likely to be completed during 1999-2000. Further consideration of the project will be possible once the results of the survey become available.

(d) Survey for a new line from Dahanu Road to Nashik Road has been sanctiond during the current year at a cost of Rs. 5.63 lakhs. The survey will be taken up shortly. Funds as required in the current year will be provided by re-appropriation.

Construction of an Under-bridge at LC No. 36 in Gujarat

2296. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposal for construction of an under-bridge at LC No. 36 in Gujarat was sent to Government;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government thereon;

(c) whehter work on the bridge construction has been started; and

(d) if so, by when it would be completed?